LITHUANIA WILL NOT TAKE ALL OF IMF LOAN. BNS reported on 13 July that Lithuania intends to take only half of the $32 million credits which the IMF was about to approve. Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius said that $16 million would be accepted for further economic reforms, but the other half of the loan, which is meant for a currency stabilization fund, is not necessary. The IMF was scheduled to make a decision on approving the loan on 14 July. -- Ustina Markus, OMRI, Inc.

LITHUANIA SIGNS USD 25 MILLION WORLD BANK LOAN

VILNIUS, Jul 20, BNS - Lithuania and the World Bank have signed a loan agreement worth $25 million, the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry's press service reported Thursday. Lithuania's ambassador to the United States, Alfonas Eidintas, and the head of the bank's Europe Department, Basil Kavalsky, signed the agreement Wednesday in Washington. To come into force, the agreement must be ratified by the Lithuanian parliament. The loan will be distributed by Lithuanian commercial banks, which will be selected by the central bank's special APEX group. And it will be up to commercial banks to decide which projects to finance. So far, Lithuania has received $94 million in loans from the World Bank. The money was used to purchase medicine and fuel, as well as for energy development and the construction of a sewage treatment plant in the seaport city of Klaipeda.

Chernomyrdin tells Duma government is to toughen its stance on Baltic

Latvian Radio, Riga, in Latvian 1300 gmt 19 Jul 95 - Latvian Radion reports that Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin told the lower house of the Russian parliament on 19 July that the Russian government was "strengthening its position" regarding failure to observe the rights of Russian-speaking people in the Baltic states. Chernomyrdin noted that the Russian government was changing its previous position of noninvolvement and was no longer indifferent to issues concerning Russians living outside the Russian Federation.